

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A switch has respective open-assist bars fixed to switch blades near the switch contacts. The bars are arranged so that, as the blades are turned by rotation of their supports, the bars come together and serve as a fulcrum mechanism that provides a prying action helping reduce the required opening force. The action of the fulcrum mechanism overcomes friction between the contacts that may otherwise tend to cause bowing of the supports with appreciable increase in the required opening force.